

Issue to Clearing
House Associations.

The coins herein authorized by section 2 hereof shall be issued only upon the request of the San Francisco Clearing House Association and the Los Angeles Clearing House Association, or either of them, and upon payment by such associations, or either of them, to the United States of the par value of such coins.

To commemorate
one hundredth anni-
versary of the founding
of Fort Vancouver,
Wash.

SEC. 3. That in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver by the Hudson Bay Company, State of Washington, there shall be coined at the mints of the United States silver 50-cent pieces to the number of not more than three hundred thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, which said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Issue to Corporation,
etc.

That the coin herein authorized shall be issued only upon the request of the executive committee of the Fort Vancouver Centennial Corporation, of Vancouver, Washington, and upon payment by such executive committee for and on behalf of the Fort Vancouver Centennial Corporation of the par value of such coins, and it shall be permissible for the said Fort Vancouver Centennial Corporation to obtain said coins upon said payment, all at one time or at separate times, and in separate amounts, as it may determine.

Coinage Laws, etc.,
applicable.

SEC. 4. All laws now in force relating to the subsidiary gold and silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for security of the coin, or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized: *Provided*, That the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

Proviso.
No Government ex-
pense.

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[H. R. 9095.]
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CHAP. 303.—An Act To incorporate the American War Mothers.

District of Columbia.
American War
Mothers incorporated.
Incorporators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following-named persons, namely:

Alice M. French, founder, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mable C. Digney, State War Mother, White Plains, New York; Mrs. George Gordon Seibold, Washington, District of Columbia; Mary I. Huntington, State War Mother, Bloomington, Indiana; Edna C. Wilson, State War Mother, Warrensburg, Missouri; Libbie Thomas, State War Mother, Racine, Wisconsin; Virginia Heaen, State War Mother, Frankfort, Kentucky; A. Shanahan, State War Mother, Jersey City, New Jersey; Blanche A. Bellak, State War Mother, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Lydia Burby, State War Mother, Butte, Montana; Estelle T. Wilcox, State War Mother, Omaha, Nebraska; Emile Hendricks, State War Mother, Salem, Oregon; Grace R. Montgomery, State War Mother, Charlotte, North Carolina; Kate C. DeKay, State War Mother, Blackfoot, Idaho; Elizabeth Allen, State War Mother, Loveland, Colorado; Ida McCullough, State War Mother, Ottawa, Illinois; Rose S. Sargent, State War Mother, San Francisco, California; Jessie Monahan, State War Mother, Edmond, Oklahoma; Margaret N. McCluer, Kansas City, Missouri; Carrie R. Root, Gardner, Illinois; Mary E. Spence, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Alice Bronson Oldham, Lexington, Kentucky; Florence A. Latham, Kansas City, Missouri; Mahala

M. Boyd, New Castle, Indiana; Carrie White Avery, Washington, District of Columbia; H. C. Morrison, Shelbyville, Indiana; Jeanette Boone, Kansas City, Missouri; Gertrude R. Cary, Joliet, Illinois; Mrs. R. E. Little, Wadesboro, North Carolina; Mrs. Isabelle Clements, Sacramento, California; Mrs. Alice E. Evans, Pueblo, Colorado; Mrs. Mary Dawson, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Mrs. Jessie T. Lesh, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Harry C. Morrison, Shelbyville, Indiana; Mrs. Jessie E. Moody, Cartersville, Missouri; Mrs. J. L. Roddy, North Platte, Nebraska; Mrs. Catherine H. Connelly, Newark, New Jersey; Mrs. Ella O'Gorman Stanton, Bronx, New York City, New York; Mrs. R. C. Warren, Gastonia, North Carolina; Mrs. Hattie V. Selkin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mrs. Ida Boxwell, Middletown, Ohio; Mrs. Charles S. Fohl, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. E. L. Phillip, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mrs. Julia A. Wilkinson, Portland, Maine; and their associates and successors duly chosen are hereby incorporated and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia by the name of American War Mothers, and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession with the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.

Completion of organization.

SEC. 2. That the persons named in section 1 hereof and such other persons as may be selected from among the membership of American War Mothers, an association of women whose sons and daughters served the allied cause in the great World War between the dates of April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, are hereby authorized to meet to complete the organization of said corporation by the selection of officers, the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, and to do all other things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act, at which meeting any person duly accredited as a delegate from any local or State organization of the existing organization known as American War Mothers shall be permitted to participate in the proceedings thereof.

Objects of corporation.

SEC. 3. That the object of the corporation shall be to keep alive and develop the spirit that prompted world service; to maintain the ties of fellowship born of that service and to assist and further any patriotic work; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State, and Nation; to work for the welfare of the Army and Navy; to assist in any way in their power men and women who served and were wounded or incapacitated in the World War; to foster and promote friendship and understanding between America and the Allies in the World War.

Meetings.

SEC. 4. That said corporation shall hold its meetings in such place as the incorporators or their successors shall determine.

General corporate powers.

SEC. 5. That the corporation created by this Act shall have the following powers: To have succession until the membership as hereinafter provided for shall become extinct, with power to sue and be sued in courts of law and equity; to receive, hold, own, use, and dispose of such real estate and personal property as shall be necessary for its corporate purposes; to adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure; to adopt a constitution, by-laws, and regulations to carry out its purposes, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of any State; to use in carrying out the purposes of the corporation such emblems and badges as it may adopt; to establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; to establish State, Territorial, and local subdivisions; to publish a magazine or other publications, and generally to do any and all such Acts and things as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect the purposes of the corporation.

Personal property exempt from taxes.

SEC. 6. That all of the personal property and funds of the corporation held or used for the purposes hereof, pursuant to the

provisions of this Act, whether of principal or income, shall, so long as the same shall be so used, be exempt from taxes by the United States or any Territory or District thereof: *Provided*, That said corporation shall not accept, own, or hold directly or indirectly any property, real or personal, except such as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of its creation as defined in this Act.

Proviso.
Restriction on real
or personal property
holdings.

Qualification limita-
tion to membership.

SEC. 7. That membership is limited to women, and no woman shall be a member of this corporation unless she is a citizen of the United States and unless her son or sons or daughter or daughters of her blood served in the Army or Navy of the United States or in the military or naval service of its allies in the great World War at some time during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, having an honorable discharge or still in the service.

Nonpolitical charac-
ter.

SEC. 8. That this organization shall be nonpolitical, and as an organization shall not promote the candidacy of any person seeking public office.

Assets of existing or-
ganization may be ac-
quired.

SEC. 9. That said corporation may acquire any or all of the assets of the existing organization known as American War Mothers upon discharging or satisfactorily providing for the payment and discharge of all its liabilities.

Exclusive use of
name.

SEC. 10. That said corporation and its State, Territorial, and local subdivisions shall have the sole and exclusive right to have and to use in carrying out its business purposes the name of American War Mothers.

Annual report to
Congress.

SEC. 11. That said corporation shall, on or before the 1st day of January in each year, make and transmit to the Congress a report of its proceedings for the preceding calendar year, including a full and complete report of its receipts and expenditures: *Provided*, however, That said report shall not be printed as a public document.

Proviso.
Not printed as public
document.

Registration of State
agents.

SEC. 12. That as a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege herein granted or conferred this corporation shall file in the office of the secretary of each State the name and post-office address of an authorized agent in such State upon whom local process or demands against American War Mothers may be served.

Official acceptance of
charter.

SEC. 13. That this charter shall take effect upon its being accepted by a majority vote of the incorporators named herein who shall be present at the first meeting of the corporation, due notice of which meeting shall be given to each of the incorporators named herein, and a notice of such acceptance shall be given by said corporation, causing a certificate to that effect, signed by its president and secretary, to be filed in the office of the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia.

Filing.

Authority to alter,
etc.

SEC. 14. That Congress may from time to time alter, repeal, or modify this Act of incorporation, but no contract or individual right made or acquired shall hereby be divested or impaired.

Officers who shall
serve until next annual
convention.

SEC. 15. That the management and direction of the affairs of the corporation and the controlling and disposing of its property and funds shall be vested in the persons duly elected at the last annual convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, who shall be the officers of the American War Mothers for the year beginning October, 1923, to serve until the next annual convention to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 8, 1925, or until their successors are duly appointed, and who are the following:

Names.

Margaret N. McCluer, National War Mother, Kansas City, Missouri; Carrie L. Root, first vice National War Mother, Gardner, Illinois; Blanche A. Bellak, second vice National War Mother, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mary E. Spence, third vice National War Mother, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rose S. Sargent, fourth vice

National War Mother, San Francisco, California; Alice Bronson Oldham, national recording secretary, Lexington, Kentucky; Florence A. Latham, national corresponding secretary, Kansas City, Missouri; Mahala M. Boyd, national treasurer, Newcastle, Indiana; Kate C. De Kay, national historian, Blackfoot, Idaho; Carrie White Avery, national custodian of records, Washington, District of Columbia; Estelle T. Wilcox, national auditor, Omaha, Nebraska.

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CHAP. 304.—An Act To enable the board of supervisors of Los Angeles County to maintain public camp grounds within the Angeles National Forest.

February 24, 1925.

[H. R. 9494.]

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, in his discretion, upon application by the board of supervisors of Los Angeles County, California, to designate and segregate, for recreation development, not to exceed 5,000 acres within the Angeles National Forest, California, which, in his opinion, are available for such purposes, and to issue to the said board of supervisors, for the benefit of said county, a free permit authorizing the improvement, maintenance, and use of such lands for free public camp grounds under conditions which will allow the fullest use of the lands for recreational purposes without interfering with the objects for which the national forest was established. Such permit or permits shall remain in full force and effect as long as the county complies with the conditions therein and maintains the areas so designated as free public camp grounds. Lands so designated and segregated under the provisions of this Act shall not be subject to the mining laws of the United States.

Angeles National Forest, Calif.
Los Angeles County granted lands in, for free public camp grounds.

Maintenance.

Not subject to mining laws.

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CHAP. 305.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to transfer to the city of Port Huron, Michigan, a portion of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Reservation, Michigan.

February 24, 1925.

[H. R. 9537.]

[Public, No. 455.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce is hereby authorized to convey by deed to the city of Port Huron, Michigan, a portion of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Reservation, Michigan: *Provided*, That the city of Port Huron will open and maintain in first-class passable condition an extension of Garfield Street through the lighthouse property to Lake Huron; that the city will rebuild the pile groin now near the northerly side of the lighthouse reservation in a manner similar to its present form of construction or one of equal efficiency on the northerly line of the said reservation extended, and that the city will maintain pile groin numbered 6 in a serviceable condition at its present location or at some other location approved by the Lighthouse Service: *Provided further*, That the city of Port Huron will maintain the tract to be conveyed in a presentable condition and at all times accessible to the public as a public park and for no other purpose, and will construct and maintain a suitable wire fence on the line separating the said tract from the lighthouse premises: *And provided further*, That the exact location of the property to be conveyed to the city under the conditions herein recited shall be agreed upon between the city of Port Huron and the Secretary of Commerce and be described by metes and bounds in the deed: *And pro-*

Port Huron, Mich.
Granted part of Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Reservation.

Precisos.
Improvements by the city.

Maintenance of tract as public park.

Location.